

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to library cooperative funding;  
3           amending s. 257.42, F.S.; revising the funding source  
4           for a library cooperative from a grant provided by the  
5           state to an appropriation from the state; deleting a  
6           limitation on the funding a library cooperative is  
7           eligible to receive; providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Section 257.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
12           read:

13           257.42 Library cooperative program grants.—The  
14           administrative unit of a library cooperative is eligible to  
15           receive an annual appropriation grant from the state ~~of not more~~  
16           ~~than \$400,000~~ for the purpose of sharing library resources based  
17           upon an annual plan of service and expenditure and an annually  
18           updated 5-year, long-range plan of cooperative library resource  
19           sharing. Those plans, which must include a component describing  
20           how the cooperative will share technology and the use of  
21           technology, must be submitted to the division ~~of Library and~~  
22           ~~Information Services of the Department of State~~ for evaluation  
23           and possible recommendation for funding in the division's  
24           legislative budget request. Program Grant funds may not be used  
25           to supplant local funds or other funds. A library cooperative  
26           must provide from local sources matching cash funds equal to 10  
27           percent of the appropriation grant ~~award~~.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.